

Just a little note to say...

New Years 1994.



Hi Gang:

I am writing you all AFTER the Holiday Season, so that I could include any greetings I have had from others. Here's wishing you all a very good year ahead. Your letters tell me that 1993 has been a "mixed bag", but I'll share it!

EVELYN ("Tiny") Tindale - In June, after a trip to Greece, Ev went in for surgery. Pardon the puns....now there is "no womb in the (T)In." No complications, so in 6 weeks she was "pretty well back to normal!" She and her friend, Olga, who share the house in Simcoe, went north to their cottage in July and stayed on until October. During that time they did a "houseboat cruise" on the Severn River and also a wedding reception on a renovated steamer that tours the Muskoka Lakes. "Ev" still attends gatherings of Public Health Nursing Directors & Supervisors ... present and retired, which she did in Toronto, but only overnight, recently.

FLORENCE RILEY - phoned me once in 1993, but an "Orillia Today" article I inherited had the lovely lady's photo, and the following caption "Pleasant dreams: Jungian analyst Florence Riley spends a lot of time inside other peoples' heads, trying to figure out what their dreams mean", and "We don't tell people what to do. We tell them what their dream is saying".

Sounds very interesting...wish I would dream even now and then!

ANNE THOMSON ROPER - still regrets not having been able to attend our re-union nearly 2 years ago, but has written a very newsy letter to me recently. I would like to share some of it. This letter was written at 3:30 a.m. when, like many nights, she cannot sleep due to her rheumatic condition. That's when she does her best reading and writing, she says. They have been able to do a little traveling....Okanagan to visit daughter, Elizabeth...and then on south to California and back up to Victoria via the beautiful Pacific Coastal route.

She and her husband have been working for some time on some renovations to their house. They now have 3 new rooms in their basement (not quite finished), but will be a great day when they are completed & they can put things back in their place.

Affectionately - Pauline Hill 41

Anne Roper sent me a Times Colonist (Victoria) clipping about our evasive JILL CAVENAGH KELLY. Jill has been involved in the running of Swiftsure Lightship Classic and associated yacht races (out in front of the Empress Hotel in beautiful downtown Victoria). One quote states "Two special awards will be handed out this year. The 50th anniversary award to the most frequent entrant in the history of the race will be donated by long-time Swiftsure volunteer Jill Kelly at the annual luncheon this afternoon". She is referred to in the article as "spokeswoman Jill Kelly."

JEAN KING MORRISON - writes "I've read and re-read the wonderful letter you sent to the Class of '42 last Christmas. It helped a lot to ease my grieving at not being there. This past year has had some ups and downs...not surprising that we sometimes have to stand up to trials. (unfortunately she wasn't specific).

JEAN FINCH SCHICK - have had short notes from "Finchy"...she has had an army re-union with her buddies too, so that was her big highlight since the MES re-union. AS FOR ME SINCE AUGUST....one trip to Pebble Beach, Cal, and a week with daughter Pat and grandkids in Palo Alto. Also a WW Shareholders' Meeting in Frankenmuth, Michigan for a couple of days.

John: Visited Bess Pitt Baron last week. She still talks about the nice visit she had with your family. She might move back to Welland????PH

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Hi Gang: (with apologies for the typing!) PH

Once again I am writing you all AFTER the Holiday Season, so that I can include any greetings I have had from others. Want to wish you all a very good year ahead.... those of you who have written have had some of the good and some of the bad in 1993.

JEAN FINCH SCHICK writes to say that in August she attended the CWAC 53rd reunion in Vermilion, Alberta. (Jean, I have a cousin, also a Jean (Pare) who lives in Vermilion.) Jean Pare is the author of those very popular cookbooks "Company's Coming". Although she has a big business building in Edmonton, she still creates her recipes in their house in Vermilion. But back to Jean Schick.... Vermilion is where the basic training station used to be, and so chosen as the reunion site.... three hundred women gathered to celebrate 53 years together.

Jean became a GREAT grandmother in August too... Great grandchild (Katelyn Marjorie) arrived on the scene to delight her family and both grandparents and great grandparents! Congratulations

Jean, among others is complaining that she has not heard from either "Scotty" or Lois.

FRAN KITCHEN MILLER... has moved again. Last year she was in Dartmouth, NS., but now she is located in Kitchener, ONT. (315 Margaret Ave., Apt 1704, N2H 6P4.) "Shirt" is expecting a call from her any day now!

Got a terrific snapshot of Anne Roper and hubby Alan..... how I wish I could share it with you!

By now you likely know from a great letter we all received from LOIS Creighton Harnish that SHEILA RYAN HARPER has moved to Kamloops to be near her daughter. If anyone can come up with Sheila's address, please send it to me so that I can send her one of these newsletters.

Good that EVA CAMPBELL MUNRO (Halifax), Fran Miller and Lois were able to get together last year at Lois and Roy's 50th anniversary. Would have been nice to be able to attend but for most of us it didn't in with family schedules. Imagine, 350 people invited and 250 attended! What a big BASH that was that we missed!

EVELYN TINDALE (TINNY) is going to Victoria in the month of February, but she had an overseas trip touring Ireland in Sept/Oct. Says she's fine. Spent Christmas in Orillia

Still no word from our erstwhile great communicator, RUTH SCOTT PROPHET. Is in Florida (since November). I did have a nice chat with her daughter Mandy in Fort Erie though.

HAVE A WONDERFUL YEAR AHEAD GANG. HOPE MORE OF YOU WILL WRITE DURING THE YEAR SO I CAN PASS ALONG. PAULINE HILL

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FLORENCE RILEY sends her love. She says her biggest event this past year was losing her wonderful old dog. She adds "It has, otherwise been a year of good health, good friend & family events and still enjoying walking and "painting". Glad you enjoyed the 1993 news letter, Florence.

ANNE THOMSON ROPER - had "extensive surgery in September on her right shoulder. When they got into the badly torn joint they found a "lunar landscape" according to her surgeon.... 4 tendons and muscles had atrophied so badly that they couldn't "nail" them back onto the head of the Humerus. She's having to teach her left arm many of the functions she used to do with her right..... is of course busily into therapy. So far not doing much good. Sleeping very, very difficult.

MARY SHIRTON ANDRES sounded really chipper when I phoned her. We had coffee together in her lovely apartment in Don Mills last spring. She keeps in touch (at birthdays) with Fran K. Miller.



Seasons Greetings

Dear John - Thanks for your help! Visited Bess Barron yesterday (19th) & she was pleased to receive her copy too. (JH)

First of all we must confess that we "stole" the heading for our MES Annual newsletter from Lois Creighton Harnish's Christmas letter - 1996. JEAN KING MORRISON and I (PAULINE SELLER HILL) are once again co-editors for this our MES news of the class of 1942. Just last week, PAULINE and MARY SHIRTON ANDRES got together at her lovely condo for hot chocolate, and together read LOIS'S greetings from the Harnish's . First of all let me tell you that MARY just looks great ! We well remember how 'un-well' she was at our 50th Anniversary in Toronto. She now gets out every morning and seems to be enjoying life so much more than she did in 1992. PAULINE (me) after receiving a left knee replacement on October 15th is doing fine, thanks very much. Not bow-legged any more, and although some pain and stiffness lingers, both of those will be gone in a month or two.

Back to HARNISH'S1996 marked the 50th Anniversary of the Shore Club in Hubbards, N.S., and they were both honoured and publicized by the Halifax Herald and later on TV for the big anniversary at the Club on August 24th. The Anniversary was a "sell-out", many attendees having attended the first dance back in '46. But that's not all ... they were invited to the academy awards of Tourism, and walked away with the "Food and Beverage" A, and here I quote Lois and Roy .. "Who would have thought 50 years ago , when 2 kids who didn't know what they were doing started a business that so far has lasted this long ?" CONGRATULATIONS from your MES friends too Lois and Roy !! Wonder if EVA CAMPBELL MUNRO attended the great event ?

Also while at Mary's, I learned I learned of a new address for FRAN KITCHEN MILLER: 225 Howard Place (#502), Waterloo, ON N2J 4H4 (Phone: (519) 725-5921. Now lets hear from you FRAN !

We seem to have lost track of SHEILA RYAN HARPER . We heard she moved to Kamloops, but we never did get the address. Anyone know it ? If so, please pass it along to either Jean or Pauline.

NOTE: Send in any changes or corrections to addresses or phone numbers and we'll send out a new revised listing come the end of January.

I have asked JEAN KING MORRISON to write up her own account of their trip to the West coast where they met with MES classmates and Grads. (Copy attached)

And now updates on some of our gals ...

- EVA CAMPBELL MUNROE's apartment number is #1703.
- No wonder I haven't heard from JEAN FINCH SCHICK ... She's just out of the hospital after 6 weeks. Went in to have her "hip replacement" replaced (after 10 years) In the process the femur was broken, and so not until two weeks later could they replace the hip. She's home now and using a walker. Before all this, and for the last 7 months, she and Bill have been visiting (and feeding) daughter Judy, who had a brain aneurism. Wow ! what a bad health year for the Schicks ! Hope 1997 will be kinder, Jean and Bill.
- FLORENCE RILEY had a great trip this year. Flew up to Resolute in Sept, and was part of a two week cruise (a hardy experience) which took them ultimately to Greenland. She remarked that the drinking water was sea water, processed on their very ship !
- Florence also tells me that she had seen BARBARA HALLIDAY MacDONALD this fall , and the best news from that meeting was to learn that daughter Cathy, a cancer victim of a couple of years ago, was doing very well !
- Speaking of knee replacements, I didn't know that PEGGY STEWART CAWLEY had one done last year. However, the second one required the surgeon to cut the quadriceps, and so she was in hospital for 4 weeks. Now she is on heavy duty therapy every day, graduated to a cane, but wears a blue "zimmer splint" every day, (made of foam, wood and velcro) and has to wear the same for a month yet.
- We should call 1996 "Operation '96 because here's another sad story with a happier ending ... GWENYTH THOMPSON SHARPE has just come out of hospital after 6 weeks with what she calls "lumber decompression" ... a very complicated operation, but with lots of therapy (2 hours every day) she is improving. Her legs are still somewhat numb but coming back. Her doctor says she could be golfing as usual in about 18 months, but in the meantime, will use an electric car (leaving for Florida on Dec. 27th) and only a 7 or 9 iron at first.
- I'm going to end on a bright note EVELYN TINDALE went on a trip she had been wanting to take 'all her life' ... to Peru, Equador, and Galapagos Island, where the big attraction was the exotic birds, in particular. And if we are not feeling sorry enough for ourselves (and our inability to take trips) Tinny will be off to Florida the end of January for two weeks, and then off to Victoria (again after 2 years) in March. Hope she can visit with Anne and Jill on that trip..

Jean and I want to wish you a very pleasant Holiday Season and would request that you all take time to drop either one of us a note from time to time and we will pass on your news to everyone . I enjoyed making about a dozen long distance call this year, though, as I got to hear your voices....

Sincerely and Affectionately

Pauline and Jean

JEAN'S TRIP TO THE WEST COAST

Last winter Jack and I decided that we had put off seeing the Rockies long enough. So we went West in early April. Because of a train derailment we were prevented from taking the day trip through the Rockies and mist and fog for most of the time on the trip meant that we were unable to brag about seeing the mountains as we had hoped. However, we had a grand time seeing PEOPLE and they are bigger in our lives than landscape.

Before leaving on our trip I was glad that I had the listing of our class so that I was able to call ahead and reached Jill Cavanagh Kelly. I couldn't believe how much she sounded like the Jill I knew for 2 years in Toronto. It didn't seem to phase her in the least that we were going to be in Victoria at Easter. In no time a 'get together' dinner was planned at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club. Our hostess friend Doris was invited. Elise Smythe Spratt and Louise MacKenzie were there. Ann Thompson Roper and Alan whose indomitable spirits were evident when they arrived to make up the party. Florence Somers would have given Jill and her husband Mike top marks for their planning. In the collage of snaps Jill is in white and her husband is on the same side of the table. next comes Anne with me on the other side as was Jack and our hostess Doris.

It was a wonderful occasion. I heard about Anne and Jills careers and life after MES. I was sorry at that time to hear that Anne had been struggling with hip problems. I received a letter from her in June enclosing pictures of our party that had been taken by her husband Alan. Following is an excerpt from her letter " Just a few weeks after you were here Alan had a sudden hemorrhaging one evening - he lost over 10 litres of blood - got the ambulance -he had lost over ten litres of blood - 2 weeks of intensive invasive tests - finally gastroenterologist surgeon operated -thought they'd have to take out the whole colon but thankfully settled on 11" of the sigmoid end. While he was in , I dislocated my hip for the 6th time just pushing down the bed sheets. So off in the ambulance myself into emergency - while in, the orthopods decided to do a revision so have a new head & socket. Would you believe I then put out the new one while working with 2 physios !! So now I'm in my body brace ... can't do any housework or gardening so have to hire people to do it which I hate - damn, damn, damn "

Our next port of call was Comox to visit Ann Hughes Bing and Pat. We travelled up the coast by train (delightful scenery) . No chance of our not recognizing Ann on meeting ! As we alighted from the train we knew her instantly by the MES sign she was waving. (you'll recognize her too in the collage of pictures I've enclosed). - They took us on a tour of Comox and surroundings and as we were looking at the view around the Air base we found ourselves with front row seats to watch practice sessions of the ' Snow Birds '. Jack and Ann and I had tea one afternoon with Betty Cranston Robinson. (see collage) Ann and Pat drove us to the ferry for the return to Vancouver .

Saw a nephew and neice and their children ... then a drive down to Seattle to see more relatives and folks from ' home' 3 weeks all told.





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